

**P-20 Council  
Steering Committee Meeting  
May 14, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.  
Meeting Notes**

**Location:** 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room A, Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Committee Members**

**Present:** Dr. Karen Nicodemus (telephonic), Dr. Sybil Francis (telephonic), Dr. Jim Zaharis, and Susan Carlson (telephonic).

**Staff Present:** Darcy Renfro, Debra Raeder, and Erin Hart.

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Debra Raeder called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Dr. Glasper was unable to attend the meeting as he was attending his daughter's college graduation in New York. It was noted that Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Sybil Francis and Susan Carlson were attending telephonically.

**2. Review/Discussion: Work of the Committees Update Steering Committee:**

- Staff announced that Dr. John Haeger will be co-chairing the Teachers Committee, along with Dr. Ron Marx.
- Rhian Evans-Allvin will be chairing the newly formed Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee. The Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee will be staffed by Eva Lester, the Governor's Early Childhood Policy Advisor.
- Staff updated the Committee on the New Member Orientation. Most of the new members did attend the orientation. Special thanks to Dr. Glasper and Paul Luna for their help and support in arranging meeting space, equipment, and refreshments for this event.
- Staff reviewed the draft agenda for the June 19, 2008 Council meeting.
- Staff also provided a legislative update: The teacher ID legislation has stalled; it appears that the Centennial Scholars bill will not make it out of the appropriations committee. The post secondary commission bill was vetoed but a striker will be brought forward that will extend the Commission for two years.

**Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee:**

- Staff updated the Committee on the plans and agenda for the Education Commission of the States/Kellogg one-day PK-3 Summit scheduled for May 30, 2008. The afternoon breakout sessions are geared around six committees of the Council: Data, Communications, Teachers, Alignment, Pathways and Literacy. Committee chairs will be paired with early childhood experts to facilitate discussion on early childhood issues that need to be integrated into the work of the Council. The outcome of these sessions will be provided to the Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee to begin developing priorities for each committee.

**Higher Education Ad Hoc Committee:**

- The final meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 5, 2008. The committee is on track to bring recommendations to the Council on June 19, 2008. All members of the Council will be invited to attend this meeting to provide input into the recommendations being finalized for presentation to the Council.

**Data & Graduation Committee:**

- Sybil Francis updated the Committee on the discrepancies that have been discovered regarding Arizona's graduation rate. Arizona's graduation rate is apparently 5%

lower than previously thought (70% rather than 75%). The Committee is searching for information to ascertain why this has occurred and is requesting information from ADE in this regard. Dr. Francis also indicated that there have been some issues between the universities and ADE in integrating K-12 student identifiers into the university system. The Committee is pursuing the cause of these issues. The Committee will also pursue where the community colleges are in this regard. It was suggested that Dr. Francis arrange a meeting with ADE staff to discuss these issues.

**Education Alignment & Assessment Committee:**

- Dr. Nicodemus updated the committee on the status of the Algebra II End of Course Assessment and the English Language Arts Alignment Team.
- The Committee also engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the Pathways Committee's work on pathways that ensure student success including the need to push the issues surrounding dual enrollment including funding models and legislative barriers; as well as career and technical educations and the mechanisms that need to be studied in order to move and ensure acceptance of CTE credits by the universities.

**Communications Committee:**

- Staff updated the committee on the status of the collaborative communications plan. Staff will provide members with a one-page outline of the goals, emphasis, outcomes and measures of success for the campaign.

**3. Next Steps:**

- Staff will arrange a meeting with Dr. Francis and ADE staff to discuss issues surrounding graduation data and transfer of student identifiers to higher education.
- Staff will arrange a meeting with ABOR staff and representatives, as well as SBE staff and representatives, to continue discussion on centennial scholars diploma and pathways that ensure student success into higher education and the workforce (e.g. CTE, dual enrollment, etc.).
- Staff will provide committee with one-page outline of communication campaign goals.

**4. Call to the Public:**

There were not requests from the public to address the Committee.

**5. Adjournment:**

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Debra Raeder at 3:50 p.m.